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Commission Information Memorandum

The Yankton City Commission meeting on Monday, August 11, 2008, will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Non-Agenda Items of Interest

1) Crazy Days & Ribfest

The Historic Downtown Yankton Association has been busy with Crazy Days a couple weekends ago which appeared to be a successful event and now they are gearing up for Ribfest on Saturday, September 13th. Holly Arends, Executive Director has dropped off a preliminary plan for Ribfest that Staff is reviewing at this time. I will keep you posted.

2) Initiated Measure #10

Enclosed please find copies of Initiated Measure #10 by the South Dakota Municipal League. We will most likely put this on the agenda at a future meeting, so I am providing the information to you in advance. If you have any questions, please let me know.

3) Archery Tournament

Bruce Cull offered this thanks regarding the Archery Tournament: Thanks so much for all the help you and your Department gave us for the Tournament! I think it was an absolutely overwhelming success! Mark Jensen and his work crew did a super job in every detail. I am writing you from South Africa and unfortunately won't be back until August 14 to give you a full written report. I can tell you that we had a total at all the events of 800 shooters plus families, spectators, manufacturers, vendors and our NFAA support staff. All the events went perfectly.

4) Fox Run Golf Tournament

Submitted by Scott Larson: Fox Run G.C. would like to thank the sponsors of the First Dakota Fox Run Pro-Am. They included: First Dakota National Bank, Conkling Distribution, Murdo's, Tucker Trucking, Yankton Ag, The Waterfront Gourmet Grill, Casey Music/TNT Enterprises, J & D Trucking, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (W.D. Metheny), Vishay/Dale Electronics, and Vision Real Estate-Randy Kussman. There were 60 golf professionals and 156 amateur players from across the United States that participated in the event. Foursomes consisted of one pro and a team of three amateurs. The sponsorship gave us the opportunity to provide a big tournament atmosphere by adding many extra touches that made the event very nice. Barry O'Neill, who won on the first playoff hole, shot a 2 day total of 132 to win \$4,000 for the golf professional division. Adam Walsh, a Yankton native who won on the second playoff hole, shot a 2 day total of 141 to win the gross division. Bill Pierce shot a 2 day total of 132 to win the net division. The team of Andy Johnson, Bret Johnson and Tadd Biederstedt shot a 240 to capture first place in the two net best balls team event. Chad Fribley, of Portland, Ore., shot a 61 on Saturday, two strokes better than the old course record. Thanks to Rockie

Wampol, Fox Run Golf Course Superintendent, for having the 6,955-yard golf course in excellent condition. Also, thanks to the entire staff of Fox Run for all the hard work. Again, thanks to the sponsors and everyone that participated in the event.

5) Parks and Recreation Update

Enclosed in your packet is an update on the various activities in the Parks and Recreation Department.

6) National Night Out

The First Annual National Night Out was a successful event. The Police Department fingerprinted and processed identification cards for over 990 children. Thank you to all of the police personnel and local sponsors for coordinating this event. We look forward to next year's event.

7) Riverboat Days

Enclosed in your packet is the request from Pauline Rhoades, Chairman for the Riverboat Days Board of Directors asking for assistance from the City of Yankton with this year's festival. The letter outlines in detail the various requests for City assistance and notes the City departments that will be responsible for each item. The request is in essence the same as last year's with one or two additional requests. Staff has divided the list of responsibilities and will accommodate each request. I am looking forward to experiencing my first Riverboat Days and wish the Riverboat Days Committee continued success as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary.

8) Storm Sirens

The new storm sirens at Crocket Park (E 11th Street) and Ridgeway Park (E 29th Street) have been installed. The Crocket Park siren is a replacement of a 1965 model storm siren and the Ridgeway Park siren is a new siren to the system. These sirens were replaced as a result of receiving a Homeland Security grant. As a reminder, these sirens are tested on the first Wednesday of each month. This project will enhance our storm siren coverage in Yankton. We still have 2 sirens to replace in our effort to complete our rehabilitation of the storm siren system. The siren at the Middle School is a 1965 model siren and the siren at City Hall is a 1976 model siren. We will again be requesting grant funding to replace these sirens. If you have any questions regarding the siren system, please contact Fire Chief Kurtenbach.

9) North Fire Station Update

Attached is the final draft of the floor plan and site plan for the North Fire Station. This completes the 1st stage of our design of the building. As you can see, the final floor plan is essentially the same as the one we presented for the opt-out election. Some changes to note:

1. The "finished" Administration portion of the building's floor will be about 18" higher than the apparatus bay floor. The apparatus bay had to be lowered to make the slope of the driveway to the bays gentle enough to allow the trucks to back into the station. Because of this, you will notice that the hallway is ramped from the entrance to the volunteer's room to the apparatus bay door.
2. We eliminated one bathroom and shower from the apparatus bay and made a unisex bath/shower room. This bathroom was moved to the southwest corner of the building.
3. We moved the janitor's closet to the storage room and expanded the size of the pantry.
4. Offices were rearranged to keep paid staff together in the office.
5. A short wall was added between the gear lockers and the truck bay for safety reasons.
6. Doors were relocated for better traffic flow.
7. Green space was added to the west to allow for future apparatus bay expansion without need to tear up parking lot space.

8. Green space was added on the east side for a possible future antique fire truck display addition. This would be added as a result of a fundraising project by the volunteers.
9. Although it is not shown on the site plan, there will be a fire hydrant installed to the east of the apparatus apron.
10. The location for the emergency generator is being discussed and may be moved.

This plan was developed by the architect with input from the Fire Station building committee which is comprised of the City Manager, 2 Commissioners (Specht and Carda), the Fire Chief, the Deputy Fire Chief and 8 Fire Department volunteers. The plan was sent to the FD membership for their comments also.

Sometime within the next few days, we hope to have some preliminary budget figures. We will keep you posted on that issue also.

Regarding schedule, the architect indicated at our last meeting that to complete our next design stage, prepare detailed plans and to prepare bid documents would take 3 months. We hope to have bid documents to advertise by November 1 and to have a recommendation to you for a general contractor's project bid at your first meeting in December.

10) Budget Session Workshop

As a reminder, we have budget sessions scheduled for August 18th & 19th starting at 5:30 p.m. They will be held at the RTEC in Room 113. If we need an additional night, we will start on the 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Have an enjoyable weekend and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about these or other issues. If you will not be able to attend the Commission meeting on Monday, please inform my office.

Sincerely,

Doug Russell
City Manager